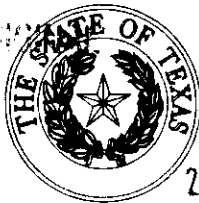


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RE: State Rate Comparability Review and Certification for Non-Rural ILECs, CC Docket No. 96-45

To the Filing Representatives:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.316,¹ the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) certifies that the rural residential rates charged by SBC Texas and Verizon² as of July 1, 2007 were below the Federal Communication Commission's nationwide urban benchmark of \$34.58.

Therefore, for purposes of § 254(b)(3) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, the Texas PUC certifies that the rural residential rates charged by SBC Texas and Verizon are lower than urban rates nationwide, and therefore they satisfy the "reasonable comparable" standard.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Liz Kayser in our Communications Industry Oversight Division, (512) 936-7390.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See *In re Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Memorandum Opinion and Order, Appendix A (rel. Oct. 27, 2003).

² SBC Texas and Verizon are the two non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) in Texas.



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RE: State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support, CC Docket No. 96-45

To the Filing Representatives:

Below is a list of carriers¹ certified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314,² which established an annual state certification process for those carriers that have received eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation in Texas seeking high-cost support from the federal universal service fund. All carriers listed below have certified to the Texas PUC that all federal high-cost support³ provided to them will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

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¹ This list includes each carrier's study area code, if available, assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA).

² See Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 (May 23, 2001).

³ This includes high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost model support, hold harmless support, and high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2007

	<u>CARRIER</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
1.	Alenco Communications	442090
2.	Alltel Communications, Inc. (CMRS - NR) ⁴	449034
3.	AMA TechTel Communications (Rural and NR)(CLEC)	449020
4.	Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.	442039
5.	Blossom Telephone Company	442038
6.	Border to Border Communication, Inc.	442073
7.	Brazoria Telephone Company	442040
8.	Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.	442041
9.	Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442041
10.	Cameron Telephone Company	440425
11.	Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442046
12.	Caprock Cellular, L.P. (CMRS)	449032
13.	Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442052
14.	CenturyTel of Lake Dallas	442101
15.	CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.	270431
16.	CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc.	442117
17.	CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc.	442140
18.	CGKC&H # 1 (CMRS – Rural and NR)	N/A
19.	CGKC&H #2 Rural Limited Partnership (d/b/a West Central Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless) (CMRS - NR)	N/A
20.	Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442057
21.	Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442059
22.	Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc.	442060
23.	Community Telephone Company, Inc.	442061
24.	Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (f/k/a Fort Bend	442072

⁴ Any carrier on this list not identified as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider, or mobile satellite service (MSS) provider is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Any carrier on this list that is not identified as "non-rural" (NR) is a "rural" carrier. The designations of "rural" and "non-rural" are federal designations obtained by the carrier through a federal self-certification process and are recognized solely for the purpose of federal USF support.

	Telephone)	
25.	Consolidated Communications of Texas (f/k/a TXU f/k/a LCTX)	442109
26.	CT Cube (CMRS – NR)	N/A
27.	Cumby Telephone Cooperative (CLEC – Rural and NR)	449004
28.	Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442065
29.	Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442066
30.	DialTone Services (MSS)	449030
31.	Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. (CMRS)	449022
32.	Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442068
33.	Electra Telephone Company	442069
34.	ENMR Telephone Cooperative	442262
35.	Etex Communications (CMRS)	N/A
36.	Etex Telephone Cooperative	442070
37.	ETS Telephone Company, Inc. (CLEC)	442091
38.	FEC Communications, LLP (NR) (CLEC)	449009
39.	Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442071
40.	Ganado Telephone Company, Inc.	442076
41.	GCEC Telecom (NR)(CLEC)	449012
42.	Grande Communications Networks, Inc.(CLEC)	449015
43.	Guadalupe Valley Telephone Company	442083
44.	Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442086
45.	Industry Telephone Company	442093
46.	La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.	442103
47.	Lake Livingston Telephone Company	442104
48.	Lipan Telephone Company, Inc.	442105
49.	Livingston Telephone Company, Inc.	442107
50.	Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442112
51.	Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd. (CMRS)	449026
52.	Nexus Communications (NR)(CLEC)	449038
53.	Nortex Communications	442116
54.	North Texas Telephone Company	442043

55.	NTS Communications (Rural and NR)(CLEC)	449024
56.	NTS Telephone Company, LLC	N/A
57.	Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (CLEC)	449019
58.	Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	432016
59.	Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442130
60.	Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. (CMRS)	449037
61.	Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442131
62.	Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.	442134
63.	Sage Telecom of Texas (NR)(CLEC)	449010
64.	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442141
65.	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC)	449006
66.	South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442143
67.	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	401724
68.	Southwest Texas Telephone Company	442135
69.	Sprint Nextel Corporations (f/k/a Sprint Corporation)(CMRS)	449017
70.	Tatum Telephone Company	442150
71.	Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442151
72.	Texas RSA 1 Limited Partnership (d/b/a XIT Wireless) (CMRS)	449031
73.	Texas TerraCom	N/A
74.	Texas Windstream, Inc.	442153
75.	United Telephone Company of Texas (d/b/a Embarq)	442084
76.	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442159
77.	Verizon Southwest (NR)	442080
78.	Verizon Southwest (NR)	442154
79.	W.T. Services, Inc. (Rural and NR)(CLEC)	449001
80.	West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.	442071
81.	West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442166
82.	Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442168
83.	Westex Wireless (CMRS)	449036
84.	Windstream Communications Kerrville (f/k/a Kerrville Telephone)	442097
85.	Windstream Communications Southwest	441163

86.	Windstream Sugar Land, Inc. (f/k/a Sugar Land Telephone)	442147
87.	WWC Texas RSA Limited Partnership (CMRS – Rural and NR)	449003
88.	XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442170
89.	XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Ltd. (CLEC)	449002

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Respectfully submitted,


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